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Commissioner of Patents
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November 15, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed June 15, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the first paragraph in page 1 of the specification, please amend as follows:

This application is a Divisional application of Serial No. 08/841,638, filed April 30, 1997; which is a Continuation application of Serial No. 08/460,560, filed June 2, 1995, now abandoned; which is a Divisional application of Serial No. 08/037,162, filed March 25, 1993 and now U.S. Patent No. 5,468,987.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the review and consideration of the present application.

The Examiner's Office Action dated June 15, 2001 has been received and its contents reviewed. Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 18, and 20 are independent.